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NARASIMHAN INFORMED YOST THIS EVENING THAT, THROUGH TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS IN HINDI BETWEEN RIKHYE AND HIMSELF, HE LEARNS THREE-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH CASTRO THIS AFTERNOON WENT BADLY. SO FAR CUBANS REFUSE ANY FORM OF INSPECTION OR ANY FOREIGN PRESENCE IN THEIR TERRITORY. SYG HOWEVER STILL HOPES TO BE ABLE TO SHAKE THEM OUT OF THIS POSITION TOMORROW. HE IS WORKING ON THEM OVERNIGHT THROUGH HIS BRAZILIAN UNDER-SECRETARY TAVARES DE SA AND PERSONAL REP BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT GOULART WHO IS NOW IN HAVANA. NEXT U THANT-CASTRO MTG SET FOR 10:00 AM TOMORROW.

SYG SENT PERSONAL MESSAGE TO US GOVT REQUESTING MOST EARNESTLY THAT US REFRAIN FROM ANY AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OVER CUBA TOMORROW, OCT 31. REQUEST IS LIMITED TO THIS SINGLE DAY. SYG FEELS THIS MIGHT HAVE SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON RESULTS HIS NEGOTS.

NARASIMHAN BELIEVES, IF CASTRO CONTINUES TO PROVE RECALCITRANT TOMORROW SYG MAY WISH TO CALL SC MTG THURS TO REPORT HIS LACK OF SUCCESS AND SEEK SC GUIDANCE.

ABOVE HAS BEEN REPORTED BY TELEPHONE TO SECRETARY BY STEVENSON.

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